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From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: MISSIONS OF THE NAVAL SHIPYARDS

1. Purpose. To establish the mission of the naval shipyards.
2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 3050.22.
3. Policy. Fleet requirements are best served by a complex of naval and private shipyards. Capability and capacities of the total complex should be adequate to handle projected demands for industrial services placed on them by the fleet. Naval shipyards comprise a vital element of fleet maintenance and modernization. They are distinguished from other shore activities which render service to the fleet in that they have the industrial plant, engineering talent and artisan skills required to overhaul, drydock, repair, and modernize warships.
4. Mission. It is the mission of naval shipyards to maintain, modernize, and provide emergency repair of naval ships as directed. To accomplish this mission, it is imperative that Navy retain access to essential waterfront areas which contain unique drydock and work spaces. It is also imperative that we guarantee a competitive base for ship repair and retain a skilled work force which supports the Navy being a knowledgeable consumer of nuclear and conventional ship construction and repair services.
5. Action. Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command will promulgate implementing directives and ensure compliance with the above for activities under his command.

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